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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:)
Andrew C. Kim)
Serial No.: 10/614,653) Group Art Unit: 3734
Filed: July 7, 2003) Examiner: Lindsey Michele Bachman
FOR: HYDRODYNAMIC SUTURE PASSER)

RESPONSE UNDER 37 CFR 1.111

Commissioner for Patents
P. O. Box 1450
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Dear Sir:

This is a full and complete response to the final Office Action dated December 27, 2006. A three-month shortened statutory time period for reply was set in the Office Action. The time for response is extended from March 27, 2007 to April 27, 2007 by the attached one-month Petition for Extension of time. If this paper is not filed timely, Applicant petitions for an appropriate extension of time. Please charge any fee deficiency or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 14-0112.

Amendments to the claims begin on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 7 of this paper.